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GENERAL SPORTING CHAT

New Year's and Martin Julian Talks of the Fitzsimmons-Maher Fight.

ALL AFTER PEDLAR PALMER

Pugilistic Managers Auxious to Get Hold of Billy Palmer's Conqueror. English Don't Think Dunraven Will He Given a Fair Hearing-Jim Dwyer Will Box Peter Maher.

Martin Julian has broken loese again, and makes the following extraordinary

statement:
"In-case Fitz defeats Maher on February 14, he will leave his \$10,000 side bet in the hands of the referee for a fight the next day, February 15, with Corbett, if Dan Stuart will agree to offer a suitable purse. If Corbett accepts this proposition he can hold himself in readiness at El Paso, while Fitz is fighting Maher."

In the first place, Corbett would not go into the ring at such a time, and Julian seems to be trying to infinence the betting in Fitzsimmons' favor by this out-

ling in Fitzammons favor by this out-liandish idea.

It is both well and timely that Julian includes "in case Fitz defeats Maher," for there is a deal of uncertainty about the result of this match; so much, in fact, that the Irishman has a shade the better of it with the men who talk with cash. The feeling at the time of the Bullivan-Corbett first, was aimed the same although Corbett fight was almost the same, although John L. went into the ring a favorite in many quarters, as Fitzsimmons will prob-

many quarters, as I thinkhighly of Maher's Many sporting men thinkhighly of Maher's powers, and for a fact it really does seem that he has more than a fighting chance with the Australian. There are two things which are helping along the feeling at a bot rate. First, Fitzsimmons is the same boxer he was three or four years ago. He has not improved, nor has he lost any of his canning. In the second place, Maher has cuming. In the second place, Maher has improved wonderfully since Fitzsimmons defeated him, and he is almost as quick and agile as the Antigodean.

There are many managers and promotors of pugilism anxious to get Pedlar Palmer, who recently defeated Billy Plimner, to come to this country. Sam Austin has this to say about the outlook. "The mails to England are just now tilled with letters from pugilistic projectors who are anxious to bring Pedlar Palmer to this country. Palmer's victory over Plimmer has made him a hero of no mean order, and the managerial corps look upon him as a mestium for profitable business. Pedlar may be induced to come over, but I doubt it. I have it from very good authority that he is desirous of going against Jinmy Barry, and as Parson Dayles has announced his intention of taking his little protece. has intention of taking his little protege over helore long, the cockney lad wil wait his coming in the hope that something might be arranged over there. In the event of his coming over Pedar will not long remain idle. Plimmer's victory over bixon in a limited round encounter would justify the latter in anticipating a meeting with the man who defeated the man who defeated him. Then there is Barry, who can fight nearer to Palmer's weight than anyone else in the country; Jimmy Anthony, anyone else in the country, Jimmy Anthony, who came all the way from Australia to fight Plimmer, will be en the outlook for a bout with the latter's conqueror; Caspar Leon, who is second to Farry on the list, will try for a go; se will Jimmy Kaveny, of Boston; Sammy Kelly, of New York, and many others. Palmer could be kept very busy over here for a time."

There seems to be an opinion in England that Lord Dudraven will not be given a fair hearing at the New York Yacht Chib investigation. Here is what the current issue of Yachting World has to say.

"Although backing Lord Dudraven's challenge, it cannot be said that the squadron has ever regarded the New York Yacht Chib with much affection, and it has at no time been anxious to enter into relations.

chib with much affection, and it has at no time been anxious to enter into relations with that boyd. Then, again, their atti-tudes undoubtedly a correct one. Themat-ter is purely a personal one between theiate challenger and those upon whom is thrown the unpleasant duty of refuting the allegations, and if the two contending parties agree to a tribunal which is to settle their differences, we cannot see that it matters anything to the Royal Yacht Squadron what

"The decision of the squadron not to take The decision of the squadron not to tax any part in the investigation is certain to be haifed by a certain section of the New York press and public as an expression of dishelter in Lord Dunraven's statements; but the late challenger can, of course, afford to disregard any such statements of opinion and many are sure to be made. Every one on this side of the Atlantic thoroughly be on this side of the Atlantic thoroughly be-lieves in the genuineness of the nature of his allegations, and the inere fact of his being now on his way across the Atlantic to at-tempt to substantiate his statements, at a time when such a journey is a matter of considerable personal inconvenience, shows that he has at all events the courage of his

onvictions. the proceedings of the investigation will prove conclusively the truth or otherwise of the allegations, though we must repeat we do not believe the truth will be arrived at, the only opportunity of dispelling the suspicions of Lord Dunraven having been allowed to slip when the Cup Commit-tee failed to remeasure the boats immediate-ity after the conclusion of the first race, as requested by the challenger."

The dangers of football compared with boxing contests is the subject of a lengthy article in the World. A rough summary shows ten players to have been carried from fields with broken legs, elven had collar bones broken, two arms were broken and five ribs fractured, eight young men were disfigured by having their noses fractured, one shoulder was broken in two and one skull fractured. Ruptured blood vgssels, torn ligaments, sprained ankles, wrenched knees and dislocated members are too common to recapitulate.

Compare the above with the accidents arising from boxing and it will not reach

over one per cent, and not that when the length of time is considered, fortball only having a season of three months in the year, while boxing covers the 365 days. If football was an all the year round game the average of the seriously injured would surely be one a day.

Jim Dwyer, the Elizabeth heavyweight, has been selected as the third boxer to go on with Peter Maher at Madison Square Garden Saturday night.

The list now reads: Jim Hall, the Australian; Billy Woods of Denver, and Jim Dwyer. Hall and Woods are too well known to need an introduction. Dwyer is a clever, hard-hitting heavyweight, who won the amateur championship some four yearwago. He has traveled as Fitzshminon' sparring partner and trained Fitz for his

yearwago. He has traveled as Fileshalmons sparring partner and trained Fitz for his fight with Creedon.

At Jim Corbett's benefit Dwyer had a bout with Steve O'Donnell and made things lively for the Australian. Hall is getting into condition for his bout with Joe Choynski and will be in good shape to show Maher's resently-required shape to show Maher's recently-acquired cleverness at "side-stepping," as the frish champion calls it.

Horace Leeds is after Kid Lavigne's scalp. Leeds is all right in trying to get a crack at Lavigne, because there is a heap of money in the job if he can upset him, and little to lose in case of defeat. Leeds claims he will bet as high as \$2,500 that he wins. It is as well not to mention side bets in these chaotic days, but there is little doubt he could bet that much and ten times as much if a fight can be arranged. Lavigne today could prob-ably find as much backing in New York as any puglist now in the business. Arrange a match, Horace, if possible, and then send your agent around to the St. James or Gilsey House and it won't take him ten minutes to get down all the money he has in hand.

A Buffalo paper, speaking of the recent Griffo-Erne bout, has this to say:

"It is as natural for Griffo to guard or plunk for a lead when the opening occurs as it is for him to walk. He does it instinctively. No one can accuse him of intelligence, but just the same he gets there when it is points that count. In a prize light it might be different.

"Last night he went on for his exhibition out of condition. He was as round as a ball, and, in addition, was in such a state physically owing to his excesses that the wonder is that he was even able to spar. In the first round he out-pointed Erne two

wonder is that he was even able to spar. In the first round he out-pointed Erne two to one. His trump card seemed to be to dodge and jump in when a lead was unade, instead of backing away.

"In this way, by dodging cleverly, he avoided the blow of his opponent, and was close up where he could deliver a shortarm blow without opposition, as his anatagonist was, of course, off his balance from not landing as he expected.

"As a boxer Griffo is without an equal. Erne did better in the second round, and divided the honors with Griffo in points, and continued to do so for the remainder of the four rounds."

John Stenzier, the St. Louis middle weight, has rejoined Fizzimmons and will help to prepare him for his fight with Maher. Charles White says that he may not be able to go South soon enough to train Fitzsim-mons, but he will be on hand on the day of the fight. He recently received a letter from Fitzsimmons. The New Zealander wrote that he was in excellent condition, and thoroughly confident that he could whip Maher once more. White has a high opinion of Stenzler, and regards him as the con-ing middleweight.

Someone has intimated that Jerry Dunn will referee the Fitzsimmons-Maher fight. This is hardly likely, as Jerry has made a mess of one or two pols of that kind. There are other men more capable and wiling. Where could there be a better man than Mr. Duffy of New Orleans? He has always the manifest and the same of the

Solly Smith was given a decision over Billy Murphy in a fourteen-round fight, before the Olympic Club of New Orleans Monday night. Before the fight a sub-scription-amounting to \$336 was raised as a benefit to Andy Bowen's mother.

COMING TO THE THEATERS.

Manager Kernan's attraction for next week will be one of special importance. The organization under the title of Weber and Fields' Own Company is really the perfection of a supreme effort. Never before in the annals of the vandeville stage has there appeared in one company so many "stars," every one of equal merit and eminence.
Among the names appearing on the program are Weber and Fields, and Napoleons

gram are Weber and Fields, and Napoleons of dialect comedy, introducing for the first time in this city their latest creation entitled. The Senators' Schuczenfest,' Lottle Gilson, the dainty and petite little artist, whose prominence extends throughout the entire world; Billy Emerson, whose name is synonymous with refined minstrelsy; James Hoey, the original 'Young Mule.' Lavender and Tomson, see character sketch artists; Drummond Staley and Belle Birbeck, the musical blacksmiths; The Acme Four, including Bob and Dick Garnella, and the Sisters Harris, and Marietta and Belloni, direct from the Follies Bergere, Paris, introducing for the first time in this country their marvelous and wonderful troupe of trained cockatoos.

At the Lafayette Square Theater next week Richard Mansfield will present his new play, "The Story of Rodion, the Stu-dent," which he produced for the first time at his Garrick Theater, in New York, three

weeks ago.
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"Crinic and Punishment," and was written by Charles Henry Meltzar. There has been a French stage version of it, and Mr. Meltzar admits that he is indebted to the French play wrights, as well as to the author of the novel.

Mr. Mansfield's performance of the title role has been characterized as the most striking and powerful piece of dramatic art of his whole career. The mustlerer's motives and emotions is said to be a vivid psychological study, passing from the morbid resentment of an impoverished makeontent through the agonies of physical fear and superstitious terror, and so on to a climax of conscience-striken desperation.

The arrangement of the plays for the balance of the week is as follows: Tuesday evening, "The Emperor Napoleon;" New Year's matinee and evening, "Besu Brummell," Thursday, "A Parisian Romance," Friday, repetition of "The Story of Rodion, the Stadent," Saturday afternoon, "The Scarlet Letter," and Saturday evening, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

The Same (very much down):

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HISTORY STUDENTS TO MEET

Annual Meeting of American Historical Association Tonight.

nator Hoar Will Deliver the President's Address and Distinguished Men Will Read Papers.

One hundred or more members of the American Historical Association are ex-pected to be in attendance at the opening on of the amont convention which occurs this evening. All the sessions will be beld at the Columbian University, Fitecoth and H streets.

Senator George F. Hoar of Massachusetts new president of the association, will debe the principal scature of the opening ses-sion. Following his address, Prof. Ed-ward G. Bourne of Yale College will read a paper on "Leopoid von Manke," and Gen. James Grant Wilson of New York, president of the Biographics and Genen-ogani Society, will pay cloquent tribute to the memory of several deceased mem-

Before the close of the meeting the president will appoint the necessary com-mattees of the annual meeting, and the meeting will adjourn to reassemble at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. The meeting will continue until tomorrow evening, three

will continue until tomorrow eyening, three sessions seing heid tomorrow.

Among the speakers who will address the meeting are the following: Rev. Windam C. Winslow, LL. D., of Eoston; a distinguished historican and archieococcanisationari, Harry A. Cushing, A. M., of Columbia College; Prof. H. L. Osgood, of Columbia College; Prof. H. C. Steiner, associate in history, Johns Hopkins University; William R. Shepherd, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Dr. J. S. Bassett, professor of history, Trinity College; Dr. Stephen B. Weeks, Bureau of Education, Washington; Dr. J. G. Fourinot, clerk of the Canadian house of commons, and J. M. Toner, library of Congress.

During the visit of the delegates to the city they have the invitation of the Cosmos Chib to make the cluthouse their healt-quarters. Most of the visitors are registered at the Arlington, and that hotel is the formal at the Arlington, and that hotel is the formal headquarters of the association.

RING, TRACK AND PADDOCK.

The racing stituation in New Jergey seems to be in the balance and may turn either way. On one hand it is confidently stated that there is no possibility of a law allowing the sport; on the other some kind of a bill will surely go through, probably a local option measure. There are internal political rareasons which would appear to make the former the more probable view of the case, since it is hard to see how either party can afford to support a racing measure. The local option idea appears the most practicable, and would, in all likelihood, mean racing in Monmouth, Hudson, Passate and. racing in Monmouth, Hudson, Passalc and, perhaps, Camden counties. If, as reported, there has been a coalition of turf and railroad interests, the chances for racing are much improved, as heretofore the indifference of the railroad magnates has been a great

Turfmen have been busily guessing who would succeed John E. Campbell as trainer for Jacob Rupert, jr., ever since the Western trainer was released by the young New York turfman three weeks ago. "Snip" Donovan, "Snapper" Garrison, J. R. Rogers, and Mart Allen, among others, have been named in turn as the successful candidates. All doubts were settled on Christmas eve, however, by Mr. Rupert's announcement that he had engaged William Lakeland to train his horses next season.

Belgium is undergoing trouble with its racing, but a new bill introduced by Monsieur de Brayn will probably receive the king's approval, the main features being the suppression of betting except on the race courses while races are going on and entirely doing away with pool selling. Every racing association must be licensed by the government and the amount of money offered to be run for unastrot be less than \$1,300 a day. The balance relates to money offered to be run for must not be less than \$1,300 a day. The balance relates to a tax to be levied on the associations.

The New York Driving Club-has again secured a lease for another year of the old Fleetwood Park track. The rental is \$10. 000 per year, but next season it will be only \$7,500, with the other \$2,500 to be paid at the end of the year in case the season is financially successfut.

Andy Godfrey, the well-known owner, started in the day with \$15 and rolled this small amount up to \$1,700. This after losing \$300 on Potentate.—San Francisco Call.

It is learned from a reliable source that H. H. Knapp has decided to keep the Oneck stable intact, and will race the horses

Charley Ballard, the well-known Eastern jockey, has arrived at San Francisco. He will ride for Marcus Daty.

NOTES OF THE BOXERS.

Regarding Slavin's chances in a tussle for heavyweight honors, Joseph Donovan says that Slavin seems to have been about put out of the business in 1893 by "Jim" Hall's defeating him in seven rounds in London, but meeting the "Coffee Cooler" last March he whipped that worthy in two minutes of the first round, which did something toward larning he has sean into nothing toward bringing him again into no-tice. It has been claimed that there was something queer in his loss to Hall, and Slavin, himself. I believe, has said his drinkables had been tampered with. "Chardrinkables had been tampered with. "Char-ley" Mitchell was engineering Hall in what was regarded at the time by some as quite a harzardous undertaking for the latter. Mitchell made a lot of sure talk before the space.

Tim Hurst has made a big hit by his refereeing of the Empire Athletic Club glove contests. At the lest one the spectators gave him three rousing cheers for his work

There is no truth in the reports that Dick Burge hasbeen matched to fight Joe Walcott. An effort is being made, however, to bring off a fight between the Iron Man and Kid

A match has been arranged between Casper Leon and Jack Doyle, at 110 pounds, for the championship of Long Ishud, to take place at the Union Ath-letic Club of Brooklyn on January 4.

Billy Hill, the "Pickaninny," and Bobby Dobbs will probably come together in a finish centest in the near future.

BASEBALL GOSSIP.

The players of the New York club will The players of the New York Cano with have no reason to complain if they are not in proper condition when the umpirep-ails play for the opening championship game. Manager Irwin is determined to have his men in first-class shape. It has been decided to have the men practice at Jackson-ville. They will be asked to report at that city on or about March 1, and they will have at least four weeks in which to limiter have at least four weeks in which to limber up. Whether the players will return to New York and play exhibition games before the championship senson begins has not yet been settled. There will be from thirty-six

to forty persons on the trip. Quarters have been engaged for the players at the Roseland Hotel, on the banks of the St. It's between Ninth and Tenth on the Avenue, and it's the best place for New Year's gifts for men in the

city. It's MAYER'S!

John's river, which is within five minutes' walk of the grounds. Manager Irwin intends to take a cook along, whose duties will be to arrange such dishes as the manager may select. Ondays when the weather will not permit of outdoor practice, the players will have the use of the exposition building. The pitchers will do most of their practice indoors.

Here is an interesting story about Pitcher "Mike" McDermott, the St. Louis boy, who did such good work for the Louisville club in 1895. On his arrival in St. Louis, at the close of last season, he found his brothers had deserted his sisters and aged father, and they were scattered over the city getting along as bet they coulds. He hunted them up, one at a time, and furnished a little home for them, where he says they shall remain as long as he makes money enough to support them. A man with such traits may be wild at times, but he is not wholly bad.

Good judges of baseball think that next season will be the most prosperous the national game has ever experienced. They argue that the attempts to strengthen the leanns will make the race closer than ever, and consequently there will be more interest in the games.

In the last twenty years only seven different cities have won the championship in the National League. Chicago and Boston have won itsix times eath; Providence, New York, and Baltimore, twice, and Brooklyn and Detroit, once.

Larry Twitchell of the Milwaukee club says he has in a youngsternamed Bert Jones one of the greatest pitchers in America. He is a giant in stature, and struck out 25 men

The Louisville club has finally decided not to part with "Dicky" Holmes, the hard-hitting outfielder, whom the New Yorks were after. Relieved a Race Truck Man

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Four robbers, masked with white handkerchiefs and armed with rifles, held up a Mission street electric car at the Ingleside race track last night, and got a way with a very respectable lump of

money.

They relieved Reuben H. Clark, cashler of the race track bar, of a bag containing about \$1,000, the entire proceeds of the day's saies. Clark was shot in the foot, another race track attache in the hand, and a policeman in the leg.

HAD WALES AS HER GUEST.

Dinner That an American Widow

Gave Him at Homburg. New York Sun.

It is not necessarily expensive to give a dinner to the Prince of Wales. The friends of a young American widow who has received much attention from the prince at Homburg and in England in the last two years are telling of a dinner which they gave to him last summer at the German

gave to him last summer at the German watering place. There were five persons at the dinner and it cost only \$60. The widow is well known in New York and Boston society. She is tall, slender and remarkably handsome. About four years ago she married a wealthy Boston architect. She and her mother had been are meet, see and the moral had been seen frequently in Central Park on bicycles. Her husband died about a year after their marriage and left her nearly a million dollars. Before their marriage she had met lars. Before their marriage she had met the prince at an English country house where she was visiting, and since her widowhood she has retained his warm friendship. Her acquaintance with him began through the admiration his eldest son showed for her long before being engaged to Princess Mary. The Duke of Clarence was a frequent visitor at some of the country houses where

the beautiful American girl was welcomed and spoke to his father about her. The lat-ter did not disguise his admiration for her after he had seen her two or three times. When the bicycling craze came the widow when the bryeing crace came the water and her mother practiced long and regu-iarly, and soon became experts in riding. Their home for three years has been in New York, and all last spring they were to be seen every pleasant morning on their wheels preparing for a bleycle trip abroad. They went abroad early in July and took their wheels with them . They had the smart their wheels with them. They had the smart-est kind of bicycle costumes, and when they arrived at Homburg they attracted much attention by their graceful appearance as they glided over the roads. The Prince of Wales arrived at Homburg

and became devoted to the young widow and mother. It is said he was so charm-ed by the bicycle costumes that he often asked the young widow and her mother to wear them on informal occasions at the clabbouse. The Prince asked the younger woman to at tend the races one day, and said "After the races we will have dinner."
"Why wouldn't it be a good idea for me

"That would suit me," replied the

Then, in accordance with custom, she Then, in accordance with custom, she asked him what he would like to have for dinner, and whom he wished to have in-vited. The Prince suggested a clear soup, a squab, and hock and champagne of a certain brand.

certain brand.

"As to the rest, suit yourself," he said.
He invited his intimate friend Sykes and a
duke and duchess. The widow's mother
was left out. The dinner was given in the
apartments of the widow, and was sent in
from outside the hotel. The widow's
mother arranged the table. The decoramomer arranged the table. The decora-tions were pink roses. A gardenia was placed at the prince's plate as his special flower. When he saw the table he ex-pressed great admiration for the decora-tions, and remarked:

tions, and remarked:

"The English women can't seem to compare with the American women in arranging things of this kind."

The dinner passed off pleasantly, the only unusual formality observed being that care was taken to address the prince always in conversation as "Sir." After the dinner the conversation as "Sir." After the dinner the party went to the theater. It is said to be one of the very few appearances in recent years the prince has made at the theater without some other member of the royal family. The widow and her mother research. turned to New York about six weeks ago turned to New York about six weeks ago.
On the occasion of the prince's birthday, a
few weeksago, the widow senther congratulations by cable and she received a prompt
personal reply from the prince. She refers
to her acquaintance with the prince very
seldom, but her mother has many friends
and that is the way it became known that
her daughter's dinner to the prince cost
only \$60.

The English Believe This.

The following is the sort of thing which the English love to read about Americans. It is from London Tid-Bits:
"Pets are mostly kept for the purpose of merely being petted, though now and again they are taught to make themselves useful. The latest instance of the useful pet is the case of the two apes which have been trained to act as caddles in the now profes-sional game of golf. The caddle is indis-pensable to a golf player, and Miss Dent, whose brother, Lieut, Dent, of the United States navy, has recently returned from the China station, has two Formosa apes which he brought her and which they have trained to the business of caddies. They wear liver les of white duck and each has a Turkish les of white duck and each has a Turkish fez. Miss Dent is a capital golf player and to see her on the links of the Bath Bench Club, San Francisco, attended by her apes, is the latest sepsation in that locality."

This may, of course, be true, but whether it is or not makes good reading and would be most acceptable to the English, who are sedom interested in us save when we are processed.

Eloquence Cruelly Interrupted.
When Sala went to Australia he arranged to deliver a series of lectures, and he was fond of telling an anecdate about one of his platform experiences there.
"I was describing to my audience." he said. "In my very best English the coronation of her majesty. I had seen the procession from the corner of Parliament street, and was telling how the young girl-queen drove by in the stateliness of childhood's simplicity, the dignity of soveregnty already scated upon her pale young brow with heaving breast. "A lecture firsh upon her blanched cheek." I was saying, her sweet, pallid lips sightly parted, a teardrop irembling on ter chirering cyclid, all showed." Bosh!" suddenly murmared a buxom old dame in the front row, and my inspiration was gone."—Westminster Gazette.

REED MEN LYING LOW New Year's

But Platt and Quay Agree on His Nomination.

ADVANCE PLEDGES ASKED

Committeeman Evans Expresses S Decided Adverse Opinions-For Years the Platt-Quay Combination Has Been Indissoluble, But the Clarkson People Back Allison

Notwithstanding the conservatism of man Republican politicians who declare their nability to see any indications of a comhaving been formed by Messrs Platt, Quay, Clarkson and other leaders for the purpose of controlling the St. Louis con-vention and the nomination by it of a man who will make certain federal appointments dictated by the combination, and favor a certain policy, to be announced later on, the general belief is in its existence.

Although the combination was formed and much preliminary work done during the recent meeting of the national committee many of them present and on the alert failed to become cognizant of its handiwork Committeeman Evans of Minnesota, when asked as to his opinion of the combination.

MR. QUAY'S INDIFFERENCE "Senator Quny, asfar as I know, took little

or no personal interest in the place where ing that Pittsburg could not win. He was strongly for Pittsburg, and sent at least one man to members of the commi-tee, asking them to favor that city. Platt. I saw, and he, too, was for Pittsburg Clarkson was not greatly interested in the matter of place; or, rather, was not as greatly interested in it as he was in the candidacy of Allison. Please remember in this connection, that Pittsburg was the choice of the McKinley men, and then figure, if you can, on the combination be-

ng probable. "Platt, as far as I could learn after dili gent inquiry, was for Morton, without an second choice, and not knowing. If a sec and choice should become necessary, whom his State would favor. Quay appeared to have no choice for President, and I saw no body who had any opinion as to what Penn-sylvania would finally do. Chirkson, as already suggested, was for Allison, and, as I have reason for believing, honestly

Mr. Evans finds it difficult, even after al Mr. Evans finds it difficult, even after al-lowing the imagination full swing, to con-ceive of conditions which will bring these three men to the support of the same can-didate as the result of a previous under-standing. They may, at the convention, be-found supporting the same man, as they were found at Minneapolis in 1892, oppos-ing the same man, but it will not be likely to be part of a deal.

DOUBTS OF MR. EVANS. Many sound political reasons suggest bemselves to Mr. Evans at this time as explaining why the "combine" story is highly improbable, and more than one them, the Minnesota committeeman thinks. are obvious. Such an arrangement might be made, under the conditions outlined, by men less astute than Quay. Platt and Clarkson, but to regard the story seriously is, in his opinion, giving those gentlemen credit for much less political wisdom and

orethought than they are known to no But as opposed to the observations of a gentleman, who was carefully watching the outlook for Senator Davis' Presidential candidacy, the fact must be remembered tial candidacy, the fact must be remembered that Quay and Platt have been 'hand in glove' for a time dating as far back at least as the last State campaigns in New York and Pennsylvania. Quay, when Platt was having his last fight in New York, but what assistance he could, and Platt responded in kind when Quay was having his bitter contest in Pennsylvania with Mastiens.

Hastings.
On top of the thought that these two
bosses are at this time acting together
comes the strongly probable statement that Speaker Reed was finding much difficulty in making up his committees, because of power brought to bear by Quay and Platt.

ASKING FOR PLEDGES. The combination and advance pickges were deemed necessary for fear that Mr. he reaches the White House. Reed is very popular, personally, with the Eastern bosses, and they would be gird to aid him, if assurances could be given that he would not be unreasonable after election and forgetful of past favors. The Reed idea is given additional force by the statement that the "combine" is not unfriendly in him, and is to try to dislodge McKinley in the South, where he has a great deal of strength.

To declare openly for Reed at this time might be to injure that gentleman's chances.

Although swallows are such wonderfully quick-sighted birds, and can change the di-rection of their flight with amazing rapidity and ease, it occasionally happens that they either do not perceive the danger lying in either do not perceive the danger lying in their path or are not quick enough to avert it, for I have once or twice, while fly-rishing for trout, accidently knocked down and stunned a swallow. Several instances have also been recorded of the poor bird be-ing struck and killed by golf balls, and in ing struck and kines by golf bais, and mone case at least, even by a cricket bail.

Petrels, and other sea birds have been known to collide while in midair and drop into passing boats. Wild duck are occasionally picked up on board ships that have been lying at anchor all night in some o our large rivers and estuaries. They strike the rigging or funnels during their noc-turnal flights, and as many as five were found one morning on the deck of a vessel lying at the mouth of the Thames.—Cornhill

Gifts for The Men

are best selected at a store where only Men's Wearables are sold. -So much better to give

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Hartford Courant.

The city of Beston is about to receive a legacy of \$50,000 for the use of poor children who desire to go into the country for the summer season. It comes from George S. Rondige, who died childress in that city a few years ago. Mr. Rondige was the fashionable toilor. It was beneather to be season to the season of t leverin circles where people were particular about the set of their clothes that he could cut them as no other man, hence he had his own prices for his work. He did it all himself.

He had a small shop outside the business He had a small shop outside the ousness quarters of the city, where he stood at the beach with his shears do y in and day out. He had all the work he could do and took his own time for it. In sammer he would leave it early, have a magnificent span of milk white horses sent him, which he owned, and go with his wife to ride. They were a conspicuous figure on our streets and in our suburbs.

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He lived in a fine house at the south end (not a fashionable quarter) and had apparently no society, far everybody knew Roudige, and he was sought to the fother as a favor. He would cut for anyone who was willing to pay and he did not seen was wining to pay and he do not seem particularly proud of his select class of customers. He had semeshing like genius for his stylish fitting and was unquestion-ably a rare mechanic in this specialty. His method was unique, and when he died he left no successor in 11.

Afterwards.

When you've married Maud Muijer and set tied down And all of her folks live with you in fown, When you've duly indosed her papa's note. And leaned Brother Johnny your Sunday

cost;

When the brand-new transers you has paid for.

Have been aftered for bloomers for mother-fin-law.

Don't blame matrimony; there's nothing wrong; For surely it is a grand, sweet song.

A grand, sweet song,
A grand, sweet song,
Hark to the wedding bells' ding, dong,
Hark to the wedding bells' ding, dong,
Hurrah for the words of the thoughtful

gent, And his song of genuine septiment. When you go for a fish on a dear friend's yacht

And manage to hook a fat jack pot, And fill your bins with liquid bait, And are borne back home in royal state, And Mand, who's waiting there all the time,
Just rolls up her siceves and speaks not

in rhyme; . Don't blame matrimony; there's nothing wrong. Indeed, 'tis a grand, sweet song-

When to bed you have put your little brood And y-a long for innocuous desuctude. When you see Tommy kack, yell and toss As he tries to digest a lov tin horse; And baby, who's said to softly coo, Bursts forth in a regular bullabaloo, Don't blame matrimony; there's nothing

wrong. Oh, yes; it is a grand, sweet song.

-Pick Ma Un



Preoccupied Cyclist: "Confound it, how bumpy this road is!"